

SCOTT COUNTY KICKER.
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FROM COMMERCE.
The school board employed teach-
ers as follows: Principal, E. N. Ellis;
assistant, Mrs. Adda Lynch.
W. E. Ward and Wm. Finley have
bought land in Arkansas and will lo-
cate there this fall.
Ten to eight in favor of Commerce
was the score in the game played at
Benton Sunday.
C. F. DeWitt, Dr. Frazer and sev-
eral others went out to Benton
Thursday.
Thomas Fowler, of Fulton, Ky.,
spent a few days with his sister, Mrs.
Clemson.
Mrs. G. C. Rose has returned from
St. Louis and will make this her
home.
Harry DeWitt, Geo. Harrison and
Ward Smith were at Cape Monday.
Albert Bondurant and family left
for Dresden, Tenn., on a visit.
Mrs. John Clemson, of Oran, spent
Sunday with Mrs. S. R. Jones.
A fine boy was born to Mr. and
Mrs. Ed. Hutton Wednesday.
Dr. Theo. F. Frazer returned from
Wednesday.

FROM MACEDONIA.
F. M. Sanders and family attended
the show at Morley Wednesday. Mr.
Sanders and daughter, Miss Addie,
paid the Kicker a visit while at Ben-
ton.
Mrs. George Romine, of Grays-
boro, brought her little son, Fred,
down to spend Sunday with Grand-
pa Miller.
The Misses Mae Daugherty, of An-
cell, and Edna Freeman, of Cape, at-
tended church here Sunday.
Wm. Scherer and Wm. and Newton
Belk, of Rockview, spent Sunday in
this community.
Oscar and Luther Reynolds and
their sister, Ada, spent Sunday with
Addie Sanders.
Mrs. Chas. Roedel and Miss Glad-
ys visited in town Sunday.
Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Smith spent
Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. George W.
Miller.
Mrs. Wm. Finley and Miss Bertha
Daugherty visited Mrs. Grier Mon-
day.
Mrs. John Sanders is visiting her
daughter, Mrs. W. Schultz, at Vanden-
ser.
Mrs. Nancy Green, who has been
very sick, is reported better.
There is talk of an ice cream and
straw berry festival soon.
Ed. Reynolds is home from Illinois
on a visit.

FROM ELLIS DISTRICT.
The rain Friday night gave A. C.
Miller and Lawrence Hagen some-
thing to do.
Miss Rosa Turner, of Oran, return-
ed home after a few days' stay with
us.
Wm. Nelson and Wm. Hawkins at-
tended church at Macedonia Sunday.
Emma Miller and Caroline Shultz
are among the sick.
Paul Sanders sold his horse to Lem
Buck Saturday.
L. L. Smith got his wood sawed
Friday.

FROM HICKORY GROVE.
The heavy rain caused the marsh
ditch to overflow and some cornfields
were three feet under water. Some of
the corn will have to be replanted.
Lee Strydom is numbered among
the wild riders now. Sunday he was
seen with a roll on his saddle as big
as the pony.
Jake Smith has a sick leg—the re-
sult of coming in violent contact
with a cow's head.
Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Darby were here
Sunday and reported plenty of water
at Crowder.
Thos. Phelps and wife visited their
aunt, Mrs. Sophia Hodgkins, last
week.
There will be preaching here Sun-
day night by Rev. Ahnsworth.
R. Hays and wife and mother Sun-
dayed at Jim Morrow's.
Meion boys are playing havoc with
nuts here.
Mrs. Murrell is here visiting her
daughter.

FROM BLODGETT.
Our ball team defeated Cary Sun-
day—6 to 4. They will cross bats
with Oran next Sunday at that little
village—or near by if the lid is on.
Rusaw Gentry, Calvin Adams and
the Misses Katie Shoppert and Ber-
tha Shell attended the festival Tues-
day evening at Benton.
A. M. Sanders, who took several
cars of stock to St. Louis, returned
Tuesday.
Tom Baty, who is attending school
at Jackson, was here this week.
Fred. Wood, our station agent,
spent Sunday at Oran.
Dr. A. J. Gupton was the guest of
Dr. Alley, at Oran, Friday.
Miss Nellie Adams spent a few days
in Benton this week.
Dr. R. A. Sparks was at Morley
Tuesday.

AROUND BENTON.
James Lukes and Miss Berdie Rey-
nolds, of Cape, spent Sunday with
her mother, Mrs. S. Reynolds.
George Miller, of Macedonia, was
here Wednesday. He says wheat
looks well in the hills.
Mrs. J. B. Walker and son, Wayne,
are at Marianna, Ark., visiting her
mother.
The children will take first commu-
nion at the Catholic church Sunday.
GROSS CARELESSNESS.
Mr. Goldstein—"Hello, Jake; did
you hear 'bout Solomon Isaacs? He
was pad sick and dey took his appen-
dix away from him."
Jacob—"Meln Gott! Vy didn't he
pad id in his vife's name?"

FROM EDNA.
Saturday was a day of events here.
Fire broke out in one of the Greek
boarding cars and destroyed it. As
the crowd returned from the scene of
the fire they saw a drunk man sit-
ting on the railroad track and a
freight train approaching. The en-
gine butted the man off the track,
but he was not injured. Next a cow
was on the track and faced the en-
gine defiantly. The train stopped
and the cow was driven off.

A. B. Perkins, of Advance, founder
of the town of Perkins in the west
end of the county, has bought sixty
acres of land of Joe Ziegler on which
to erect an extensive lumber and
planing mill. The price paid for the
land was \$6,000.
A brother of superintendent Green,
of the Cotton Belt, has secured con-
cession to railroad property and
will establish a lumber yard between
here and Illmo.

The Commercial Hotel and bar is
open for business. Henry Losse, the
proprietor, was in St. Louis the first
of the week.
Ed. Smith has purchased the Win-
chester residence property and will
occupy it.
Dr. Tribble and W. M. Brannock
of Bloomfield, were visiting here Tues-
day.
R. E. Overturn returned from a vis-
it to his mother in Illinois Monday.
A boy was born to Mr. and Mrs.
W. O. Robinson Wednesday.
J. A. McGaugh is now with Henry
Schmette in the store.
George Baker, of Dexter, is clerking
for Jones and Turner.
The Rock Island officials were here
Monday.

FROM KELSEO.
John Willman has the distinction
of being the first one to be arrested
since the incorporation of our town.
He and Fred John Scherer got tangled
up Friday, and it seems as though
Scherer got the worst end of it. He
had no other refuge but to have
Willman arrested. This was done.
Willman, plead guilty. This being
his first offense our mayor made the
fine as low as possible.
Adam Jochen, of the J. B. Sticks
and Bars Co., was in town Wednes-
day. "Hank," our soldier, ordered
some goods from him.
Quite a number of St. Genevieve
people were here last week. Among
them were Dr. Bates, E. L. Jester,
and P. T. Kiefer.
Quite a number of our people were
at Cape to see the big drams Mon-
day. Everybody had a good time.
Arthur McFarron and M. C. Bratton
of Bloomfield, Mo., were here
Wednesday and Thursday.
Clem. Westrich was up in Bollinger
county and invested \$125 in a 15-
hand mule.
Our village authorities are getting
active. Three drunks were run in
this week.

Joseph Buns and Rosa Goshue were
announced Sunday to be married.
Squire Dannenmiller and Albert
Ansel went to St. Louis Tuesday.
Frank Miller, representing the Rum-
pley people, was here Sunday.
Jno. Gleske says that army worms
are appearing in the wheat.
Lightning killed a cow and calf for
Uncle Peter Petz Saturday.
Frank Compa has commenced the
erection of a residence.
George Whalen went to Cape Wed-
nesday afternoon.
Father Klein sold a lot in his ad-
dition to Kelseo.
L. J. Dannenmiller went to
Cape Friday.
M. J. Debold was a Benton visitor
Wednesday.
Father Helmbocher, of Oran, was
here Monday.
Conet, Dohogne was at Oran Tues-
day.
G. F. Eck was here Tuesday.

FROM NEW HAMBURG.
Peter Schoen was up at Edna Fri-
day. He thought of buying some
real estate, but when he learned
that they sold it by the peck up in
that end of the county he counted
his change and returned home.
Rock is being hauled for the founda-
tion and vault of the new bank
building to be erected just south of
Schoen and Co's store.
Simon Reiminger, N. Schwartz,
Louis Goshue and Louis Goetz are
the champion fox hunters. They killed
nine in one chase.
John Goshue, George Kern and Tony
Glastetter went fishing Monday.
They say there are no fish this sea-
son.
Joe Backfish and George and
Charley Kern went to St. Louis on
the excursion train Sunday.
The child of Mr. and Mrs. Nick
Scherer, which has been very sick, is
improving.
A son was born to Mr. and Mrs.
Louis Schitter Saturday.
The infant child of Mr. and Mrs.
Joe Urhahn was buried Sunday.
Frank Bles is putting up a large
barn for Louis Goetz.
Dr. Cruse has a new buggy.
Our town now has a calaboose.

FROM UNITY.
On being informed that he'd been
appointed justice of the peace by the
county court, it is told on Thos. G.
Snowden that he went to the barn
and after calling his two sons out,
stuck his head in a barrel and shout-
ed, "Good morning, Squire Snowden."
The boys said it sounded all right,
and the Squire went to the house
feeling that his party loyalty had at
last been rewarded.
There will be baptizing at Cross
Plains the third Sunday in May.
Mr. and Mrs. Getz of Blodgett, and
Miss Zora Marshall of Crowder, were
with us Sunday.
Rev. J. L. Atwood preached a good
sermon Sunday. He is to be our
minister for the year and will preach
here again on the first Sunday in
June.
T. B. Worrell and family visited at
Diehlstadt Sunday.

FROM ORAN.
Last Friday the vice president,
chief engineer and roadmaster of the
Frisco railroad, and A. J. Matthews,
and others, of Sikeston, met here
and drove up and down the line of
the road viewing, it was said, the dif-
ferent localities with a view of locat-
ing car shops and round-house here.
The presence of the railroad officials
and the rumor that the shops would
come here provided the citizens did
the proper thing, seemed to stir up
our people to combined activity. For
once our citizens were really aroused.
A meeting was called at which \$22,-
000 was subscribed. Another meet-
ing was called for Monday night and
the mayor, by proclamation, called
on all business houses to close at 7
o'clock. At this meeting about
\$3,000 was raised and a committee
of an apportioned paid on time de-
posits—fact a general banking business
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R. W. Modglin is out again.

FROM BLEDA.
Mr. Gash, of Cape, has just com-
pleted a barn for Charlie Wylie. His
satisfactory work is giving him con-
tinued employment in the neighbor-
hood.
The dance at John Morris's Mon-
day was a success. Miss Tillie Bol-
linger was awarded the cake as the
prettiest girl.
Owing to the rain the Ladies' Aid
was not very well attended Friday
and is to meet at Mrs. J. W. Heeb's
this week.
The Baptist church is supposed to be
completed in the near future. One of
the pillars fell from under it.
Rosa Howell will teach near Sike-
ston the coming season—the same
school he taught two years ago.
Mrs. Joe Legrand is improving
from her attack of pneumonia.
Rumor says that two of our young
men are soon to be married.
Mr. and Mrs. Albert Redfern have
a brand new daughter.
Cleve Blocker is breaking his fine
saddle horse.
The Bleda ball team has petered
out.

FROM ANCELL.
The saloon building being erected
by Gus Lux will soon be finished. It
will be occupied by Ignatz Lauek, of
Kelseo.
Nick Spoonbough, of Oran, began
work on a dwelling here Tuesday.
He will move his family here.
George Kenner and his chicken
farm are getting on fine. Mr. Ken-
ner has some fine birds.
Peter Welter's new dwelling is be-
ginning to have quite an attractive
appearance.
Matt Thomas, our mayor, says that
Ansell is the town.
N. O. Ellis is beginning the erec-
tion of dwelling.
We've got the grain ware houses
and the depot.

FROM ILLMO.
The First State Bank of Illmo is
now open and ready for business. It
is capitalized for \$100,000. This
is a new enterprise for Scott county
and deserves the support and en-
couragement of the citizens of this
community. It being a State Bank
the books and general financial con-
ditions are open at all times, for the
inspection of the state officers, who
are appointed for that purpose. A
published report is made after each
of these examinations, showing the
general public the manner in which
the funds of this institution are
being cared for, especially when it is
managed, as this is, by officers who
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Water Damage Sale!

The Heavy Rain

Of Friday night, May 5, damaged
Our entire stock of Clothing.
Some is greatly damaged, while
some is only slightly soiled.

These are all High-Grade Goods,
But, owing to their damaged condition, will
be sold at low grade prices. We cannot
afford to carry this stock and will close it
out at once. We are now arranging it for
the trade and on the morning of

Thursday, May 18,

This Remarkable Reduction sale will begin
and continue for ten days. Come in early
and get first pick. For prices and particu-
lars see our hand-bills.

Grand Leader, Benton.

Mothers, Wives, Daughters!

We have driven the Saloon Evil out of Morley, and you can ac-
company your

Fathers, Husbands, or Sons

To our town with the perfect assurance that they will return
Home with you gentle and sober. Should you not encourage
them to trade with us? I am offering

Best Flour, per barrel,	\$6.00	Bran, per sack of 100 pounds,	\$1.00
Medium Flour, per barrel,	5.60	Smoked Meat, per pound, 74c to	.11
Good Flour, per barrel,	4.80	Dry Salt Meat, per pound, 64c to	.10
Corn Meal, per bushel,	.75	Leaf tobacco, in the hand, 8c to	.10

And all Kinds of Groceries Correspondingly Low.

Agent for the
American Central Fire Ins. Co

B. S. Curd, Morley, Mo.

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Why not buy lots where you are
sure of a depot? In fact, it is
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See the grade of buildings being
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